

**Durham County  
Animal Control Advisory Committee  
August 22, 2000**

Members attending were Kim Willis, Ray Hardy, Susan Teer, Vickie West-Terrell, and Dr. Suzy Hughes. Others present were Cindy Bailey, Angela Gadelmann and Mike Turner.

Agenda attached.

We reviewed recent articles in the news concerning animals and animal control.

There were no minutes from the July 25, 2000 meeting, as only three board members attended that meeting. The minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**COURT CASES:**

1. Jose Bame had two puppies in hot car. Police broke window and rescued puppies. Judge Morey fined Bame \$500.00 plus court costs.
2. Greg Barnes was charged with animal cruelty for locking dogs in his house on weekends with no food or water. AC cannot find him to serve papers, and they have also charged his wife.
3. Still looking for Christal Brown.

There was nothing to update on our dangerous dog discussions.

**RELOCATION UPDATE:**

Mike reported that Animal Control is scheduled to move on September 5, 2000. The Committee then toured the new facilities. The Committee also toured the new Incinerator Room at the shelter.

**OVERVIEW ON APS CONTRACT:**

Cindy reported that the Commissioners approved an increase in the budget, including a 50 cents an hour raise for entry-level kennel help. In addition, the new contract reflects that Cindy is now a county employee. The other change concerned the APS being responsible for paying for medical care for injured and sick animals. A cap was set by APS on how much they spend per animal. The County will pay additional costs.

### BOARD GOALS AND PLANS:

Kim reviewed the goals and plans the Committee established for itself several months ago. Subcommittees have been formed to meet each of these goals.

1. Ordinance: Revise the current ordinance to fix any problems and close loophole, revise the pet shop ordinance, and revise the exotic animal ordinance.
2. Education: Teaching public about proper pet ownership and dog bite prevention, training resources for AC officers. This subcommittee will not meet until after the disaster plan has been developed.
3. Spay/Neuter: Increase the number of animals being neutered.
4. Disaster Preparedness: Prepare an animal disaster plan for Durham County. This is a new goal, as Cindy has recently been asked to develop a plan and would like the Committee's assistance.

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Kim briefly reviewed subcommittee assignments (attached). The Spay/Neuter and Disaster Preparedness subcommittees have not met since the last Committee meeting. Kim asked those committees to meet soon and give an update at the next Committee meeting.

Kim reported on the Ordinance Review Committee's (ORC) work. Mike, Angela, Cindy, Susan, and Kim met and decided to tackle the revision of the current ordinance first. They began compiling a master list of problems or loopholes in the current ordinance, and will begin working through the items at their Sept 12 meeting. The ORC plans to meet every 2-3 weeks until the ordinance has been revised.

### ANIMAL CONTROL and SHELTER REPORTS:

Operation Catnip is a trap and release program and maintains many colonies of feral cats. They trap the cats, spay them, vaccinate them against rabies, and release back into the colony. Animal Control has a number of concerns about trap and release programs, and the Committee feels that we should learn more about them. Kim will ask Operation Catnip to speak at a future meeting or provide a videotape for us to watch.

Cindy reported that a 12' Python was rescued at the old Pet Depot store on Garrett Road. Pet Depot went out of business last month.

Cindy reported that the shelter had three vacancies for animals open, which is very, very unusual.

September 26, 2000 will be the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie West-Terrell

## Agenda – August 22, 2000

### Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee

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1. Open meeting (Kim - 10 minutes)
  - Thanks to Vickie West-Terrell for taking the minutes tonight\*
  - Any new items for the agenda?
  - Review handouts/stuff in the news
2. Approve minutes (Kim - 5 minutes)
3. Old business/updates:
  - Court case/hearing updates – highlights (Cindy - 10 minutes total)
  - Updates on dangerous dog discussion (Kim - 5 minutes)
4. Overview of the new APS contract (Cindy/Susan - 10 minutes)
5. Review - Board Goals and Plans (Kim - 10 minutes)
6. Report from Subcommittee (Subcommittee Chairs/Spokespeople - 20 minutes total)
  - Ordinance Review Committee
  - Disaster Preparedness
  - Spay/Neuter
7. Tour of the Animal Shelter (Cindy - 20 minutes)
8. Animal Control activity report - highlights (Cindy - 15 minutes)
9. Animal Shelter activity report - highlights (Cindy - 15 minutes)
10. Choose date, time for next meeting and set agenda

## **Members & Goals List for Animal Control Advisory Subcommittees**

### **Ordinance Review Committee (ORC)**

#### *Members:*

- Kim
- Susan
- Cindy
- Angela
- Jim

#### *Goals:*

- review and revise pet shop ordinance
- review and revise exotic animal ordinance
- close loopholes, fix problems in current ordinance

### **Disaster Preparedness**

#### *Members:*

- Kim
- Cindy
- Vickie
- Susan
- Ron

#### *Goals:*

- Develop an animal disaster plan for Durham County

### **Spay/Neuter**

#### *Members:*

- Suzie
- Susan
- Vickie
- Ray

#### *Goals:*

- Explore ideas for how Animal Control and the Committee can promote spaying & neutering in Durham.
- Discuss how Durham should spend any funds we receive as a result of the new spay/neuter bill (this is tentative - depends on whether the governor signs the bill, and how the funds are designated)

## **Education**

### *Members:*

- Kim
- Ron
- Cindy
- Ray

### *Goals:*

- to investigate ways the Advisory Committee can support training of AC officers
- to discuss ways the Advisory Committee and Animal Control can promote responsible pet ownership

## **Guidelines for Subcommittees**

- elect a chair
- schedule meetings - plan on subcommittee working for about 3 months
- at first meeting, clarify goals & focus, set agenda
- have somebody record action items at meetings (detailed minutes not necessary)
- have chair briefly report at monthly Advisory meetings